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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**CERTIFICATE**

No. 17131

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

**WHEREAS**

*John Brooks of Jay County, Indiana*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Fort Wayne* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *John Brooks*

according to the provisions of

the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

*the West half of the North West quarter of Section thirty one, in Township twenty three North, of Range thirteen East, in the District of lands subject to sale at Fort Wayne, Indiana containing fifty three acres and and thirty two hundredths of an acre*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *John Brooks*

**NOW KNOW YE**, That the

**United States of America**, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**, and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT**, unto the said *John Brooks*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *John Brooks*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I,**

*Martin Van Buren*

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT**, and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON**, the *twentieth* day of *August* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty eight* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Sixty *second*



**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

*Martin Van Buren*

By *H. Van Buren* Sec'y.

*Wm. S. Miller* Recorder of the General Land Office.

*admission*